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Kenilworth residents honored veterans' sacrifices Sunday with the village's 89th annual Memorial Day parade.

The parade featured the Bill Porter Band, local Scout troops and U.S. Rep Mark Kirk, R-10th, as the grand marshal. Kirk grew up in Kenilworth.

"As is typical of small towns, sometimes there are more people in the parade than actually watch it, which is kind of fun because we invite families, the School Board -- and everybody in town comes out for that event," said Jeff Hudson, president of the Kenilworth Assembly Hall Association, the event's sponsor.

As in the past, Kenilworth celebrates Memorial Day the weekend prior to the actual national holiday. Hudson said the schedule helps boost attendance because the official Memorial Day weekend falls close to graduations and other activities that take place near the end of the school year.

The day began with the local tradition of a two-mile jog through the village at 10:30 a.m. The parade and presentation at Kenilworth Assembly Hall Memorial Park were followed by a community picnic and open houses at the Kenilworth Historical Society and Police Department.